

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400

1. The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was held in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall on Monday, September 12, 2016.
2. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.
3. Scott discussed the bicycle fatality which occurred on Cornerstone Road in West Hartford on the day of the Center Streets event. The Committee agreed to participate in the May 17, 2017 National Ride of Silence and dedicate its ride to the memory of this individual, subject to the approval of her husband. Scott will reach out to her husband and discuss this with him.
4. The group also discussed a road condition reporting app. Jack Dougherty reported that the Town of West Hartford Department of Public Works monitors street hazards on its website. The name of the app is yourgov. Jack has posted the link to the site on the Make West Hartford Bicycle Friendly Facebook page. All of you are urged to use it to report hazardous road conditions in the town.
5. The group agreed to participate in the Park Road Parade on Saturday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m. Scott will send an email before the event with more details. It is hoped that many of you, together with friends and families, will participate in this great parade.
6. Ed reported on the Center Streets event. It was a smashing success with upwards of 2000 people in attendance. The group is looking forward to building on this momentum and continuing this great event into the future. It is hoped that the Town of West Hartford will assist in this event financially.
7. Mark Sondeen reported that the tag sale held at the Center Streets event was also very successful. Mark delivered a check to Bike West Hartford Inc. of approximately \$500 as proceeds from the tag sale. Either Mark or his neighbor is looking forward to doing the tag sale again at next year's Center Streets event.
8. Ed gave an update on the Cycling without Age program. He said that ridership was up last month. The rickshaw was driven in the Celebrate Glastonbury bike ride and was very well received.
9. Steve gave a report on the Night Fall event which will be held on October 8 in Elizabeth Park. It is hoped that many cyclists from West Hartford will participate in this great event. They will meet in the REI parking lot in Blue Back Square at 4:30 pm and ride to the event together.
10. Derek Slap, a state representative candidate, addressed the group and gave his philosophy on bicycling and pedestrian issues in West Hartford, CT.
11. Scott stated that the Bike Walk Connecticut Annual Dinner and silent auction will be held Friday, November 11 at 5:30 pm. The West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee will be putting together a table at this event. If you are interested in joining the table, please contact Scott at info@bikewesthartford.org.
12. Jack reported that there will be a slow roll ride in Hartford at 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 18, 2016 starting at 1429 Park Road in Hartford, CT.
13. Jack also told the group that the Discover New Britain Ride will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2016. More information can be found on the Bike Walk Connecticut website.

14. Ken mentioned that CRCOG will be conducting bicycle counts in the State. Scott sent an email to all of you asking for your assistance.

15. Mary Ellen reported on the North Main Street Road Diet project. It was discussed that it is unlikely the Town will act on this proposal during the period of time that the North Main Street Bridge near American School for the Deaf is being replaced. The Town wants to see how drivers react to this closure and which roads they will use while the construction is going on. It is clear that the Town staff is not in favor of the South Main Street Road Diet project. Mary Ellen pointed out that these types of Road Diet projects have been successfully implemented, not only throughout the United States, but all over the world. It is uncertain where the Town's reticence is coming from. The committee will continue to work tirelessly to get this proposal implemented.

16. Scott reported on the status of the milling and paving projects which are going on in town.

17. Scott mentioned that Tracy has agreed to be in charge of the regional bike planning initiative. More will be discussed at the October meeting.

18. Scott established a committee to implement local bike routes throughout town. Mary Ellen, Lance, Steve, Will and David agreed to assist.

19. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. subject to room availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair
West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee